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# THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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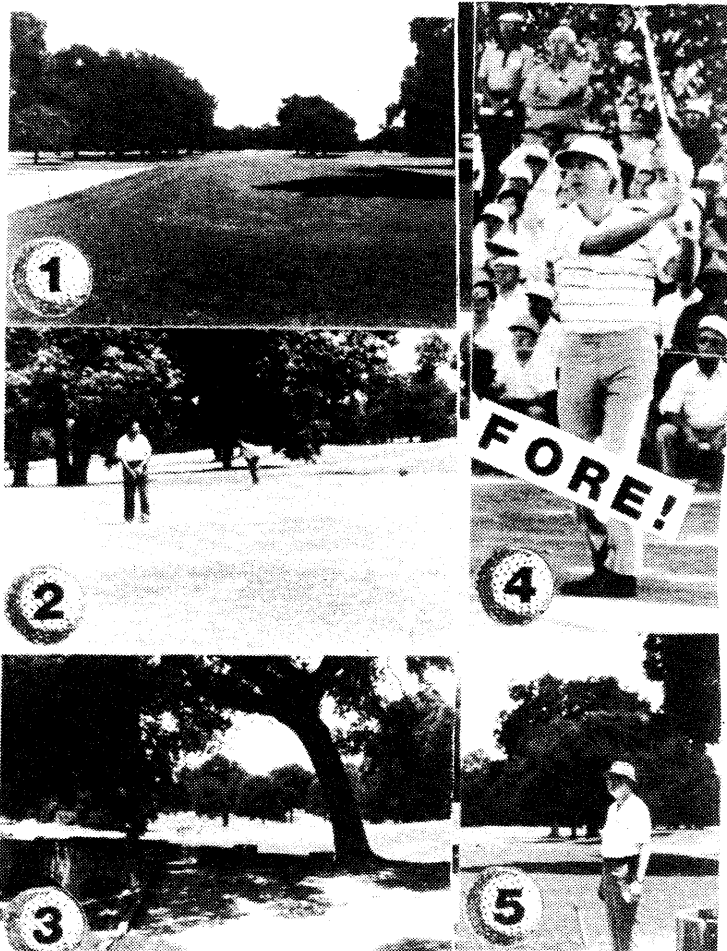
## REGRETFULLY

To the many friends my wife and I have known from past reunions and to the many more friends we have made in connection with the coming reunion. Regretfully, for serious health reasons, I have had to back away from my Registration and Finance duties for the upcoming reunion. I am being replaced by Willard Norris, a good former Heavy Weapons man also out of the 47th.

A sincere thank you to all of you who have worked so well with us in regards to hotel reservations and Strip Tickets. To those of you who may have had problems in the hotel area, bare with us. In a normal week almost 20,000 convention or reunion attendees pass thru San Antonio. During Christmas, Easter Week, (just passed) and Fiesta Week (coming up) this figure triples. Back up hotels 30 to 40 miles from San Antonio are not uncommon. Fortunately this will not be the case during our reunion. There has been a serious computer SNAFU (Holiday Inn Inc. made our hotel pull out their computer before the better replacement computer was available. The MBA's are really sharp.) which is now corrected and all problems should be rectified shortly.

Rose and I are looking forward to seeing all of you again in October. I will be working with Willard at Registration. All our best regards to our many friends.

47th Inf. H Co.  
ERNEST BOTELLA  
571 Radiance Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78218



SAN ANTONIO - The Best Time Every Time .. for GOLFERS

All golfers will assemble on RAPIDS TERRACE just off the lobby at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, October 7, 1993 with Dick Granbery, Chairman-Golf Tournament. IF YOU want to play, please send check for \$2.00 (non-refundable) to reserve tee time for each player to R.G. (Dick) Granbery; 11206 Cold Spring Drive; Houston, Texas 77043-4601... like NOW! ... and it must be received by 1 September. Current prices: Green Fee \$9.00 per golfer; Golf Cart Rental - \$7.58 each for two sharing a cart; Club Rental - \$5.41. If you are driving to the reunion and can share ride with others to the course (less than 2 miles from hotel) please let Dick know so that he can coordinate transportation.

Beautiful Breckenridge Park Course is gently rolling with lush verdant fairways outlined with antique oak and pecan trees, under a canopy of blue sky! (Over 300 days of bright sunshine and Texas Blue skies).

(1) The first hole with its broad sweep of green beckons all golfers ... even the "dubbers," and assures a challenging beginning.

(2) A large putting green can help the aging muscles and get the "kinks" out before teeing off!

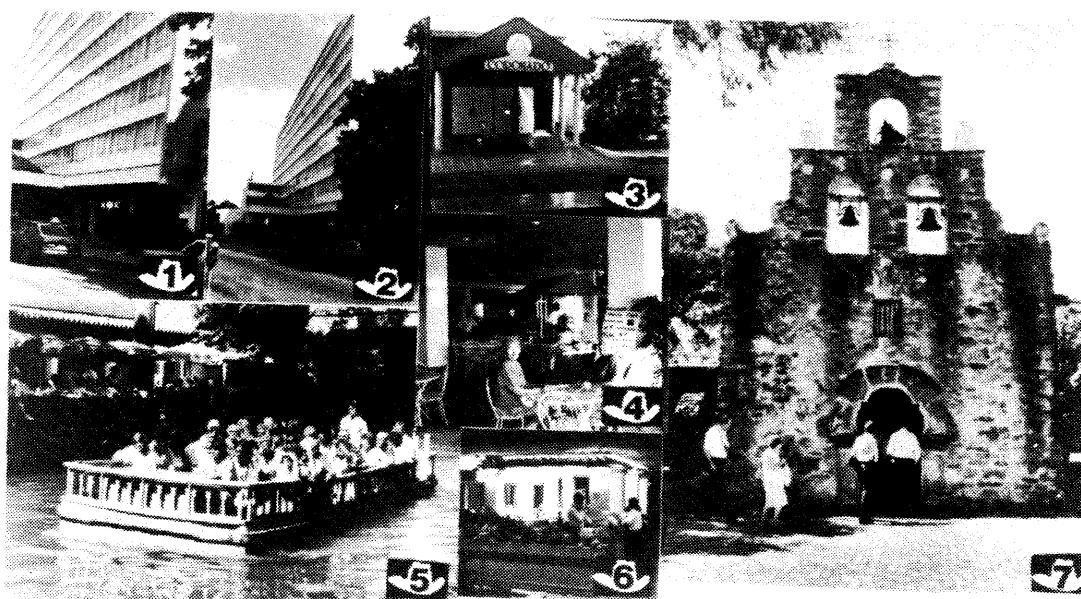
(3) To culminate your Texas Golf Challenge, this large undulating green shaded by large trees will provide a great finish ... not withstanding Alamo pin placement!

(4) FORE! ... may well be the order of the day for "OLD Reliabilities" as they reflect on this form and physique of days gone by!

(5) Richard G. Granbery, Chairman, Golf Tournament awaits your arrival on the course.

San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau.

## San Antonio, The Best Time, Every Time



Interest is growing each day for the 48th Annual Reunion where the "Old Reliabilities" will establish a new beach head on yet another river!

(1) Holiday Inn Riverwalk North; 110 Lexington; San Antonio, Texas 78205. Headquarters or Command Center, where a Texas Size Welcome will greet you to the Romantic city of colorful fiestas and traditional siestas. Tradition completely surrounds you as the hotel rests and lush greenery on the San Antonio River, near the Alamo, the old marketplace and the new River Center Mall.

(2) An expanded view of the 'Command Center' Hotel. The large tree in the right foreground overhangs the river and provides shade for the Rapids on the River Bar and the Rapids Terrace off the lobby.

(3) CORONADO BALLROOM: Site of all evening events, General Business Meeting and the Memorial Service. On ground floor adjacent to the front desk.

(4) Rose Botella and Jean Miller, ladies auxiliary, relax on Rapids Terrace. A delicious Continental Breakfast is served here each morning. Golfers gather here on Thursday morning for transportation and final instructions.

(5) ONE of San Antonio's many Jewels ... the Paseo del Rio ... the famous San Antonio Riverwalk. It is actually a flood control project that has become a valuable asset to the city. It was envisioned by a landscape architect, the late Robert Hugman, following a major flood in 1921. This oasis has many personalities ... quiet and parklike in some stretches, while others are full of activities with sidewalk cafes, specialty boutiques, nightclubs (try Dick's Last Resort... unique to say the least) and several high rise hotels.

(6) Riverside Cafe (Headquarter's Dining) dramatic in natural light, offers a variety of culinary options from early 'til late. Original indigenous cuisine or your old favorites can be yours. Convenient room service is available.

(7) Another of San Antonio's many jewels ... the San Antonio Missions ... feature five of the thirty-eight church communities established by the Franciscan Fathers. The Fathers followed the Spanish Conquistadores to Texas in the 17th Century, founded these missions and brought Christianity to the Indians of the Southwest. This mission, San Francisco de la Espada, is known popularly as "La Espada, the Sword," because of its tower built in the shape of a sword hilt. It was originally founded on the Medina River but was moved to San Antonio in 1730 because of hostile Indian raids. Nearly all of these missions are named for the founder of the order... St. Francis of Assisi. Special San Antonio briefings will be given on Friday and Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Pecos Room.

These briefings will be done by a tourperson from the professional tour center and will be a delight to all of our members who want an up close and personal look.

San Antonio Convention and Visitor's Bureau and Rucker, 60th Inf.

## AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Reunion attendees who arrive in San Antonio by air will be transported to their respective hotels by STAR SHUTTLE busses.

STAR SHUTTLE busses and booths are easily identified outside of each San Antonio Airport Terminal's baggage area. To get onto STAR SHUTTLE'S busses or vans use the code word **RELY** or identify yourself as a member of the 9th Division Association ....

**SPECIAL RATE FOR 9TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

**ROUNDTrip FARE TO AND FROM HOTEL \$10.00 per person.**

STAR SHUTTLE provides ample equipment at the airport so that you won't have to wait for transportation to your reunion hotel ....

**1993 Reunion in Texas  
Oct. 7-10**



Baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster Lindsey Nelson is shown greeting members of the baseball team (Vols) University of Tennessee when they played their first game in the stadium that bears his name. The event took place in February in Knoxville, Tenn. The stadium was named after Nelson and he was on hand to cut the ribbon for the opening game. Lindsey reminded onlookers that he had opened many seasons in much worse weather than this day but he added "It's a beautiful day." Lindsey is one of the old timers of the Ninth Division and spoke at a few reunions throughout the years. He was never too busy and took time out from his schedule to meet with his old comrades.

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made to return photographs and art work in good condition.

An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Divi-  
sion Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and  
men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our  
fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the Division, to assist in  
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NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn. 412  
Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey 07087

Enclosed please find dues for:

Name..... Serial No.....

Street Address.....

City..... Zone..... State.....

I was a member of:

Battery..... Company..... Regiment..... 9th Div.....

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member per year..... \$10.00

Sustaining Member.....

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund.....  
THREE-YEAR MEMBER..... \$25.00  
Life Membership..... \$75.00  
Ladies Auxiliary Member..... \$ 2.00  
Decals..... 50- each  
60th Hist..... \$ 2.50 (incl. post.)  
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Banquet Table Reservations

Banquet table reservations may be made on Friday, October  
8th from noon to 2 PM and on Saturday, October 9th from noon to  
2 PM in the Taos Room. A. Gordon Schneider and Clyde Wilfong  
are the responsible gentlemen in charge of the reservations.  
Each table will seat ten (10) people. Reservations for groups of  
ten should be made by one person. The person making the reser-  
vation should have a banquet ticket for each person in their  
group. Individuals or couples not part of a group will be assigned  
a table by the persons in charge from 1:30 to 2 PM on each of the  
two reservation days. Assignment of tables to be "blind," the  
hotel will not number tables until immediately prior to the ban-  
quet. No table reservations will be made by telephone. Banquet  
tickets will be collected by the table servers before serving.  
Banquet tickets will not be sold at the time of the banquet. Only  
those with tickets will be served. The banquet hall will seat ap-  
proximately 900, be sure to get your Strip Tickets early to be  
assured a seat.

Remember the Reunion Dates Oct. 7-10, 1993

Ladies Corner

I hope you don't mind, but  
this column is going to be short  
and sweet, and for a number of  
reasons. #1 I am recovering  
from another bout of that nasty  
Flu (this time very painfully in  
my throat). #2 We leave on  
Saturday, April 17th for 7 days  
in Las Vegas! This is courtesy  
of my daughter, Susan and hus-  
band, Carlos, through a  
transfer of their Hawaii time  
shares to a Las Vegas Condo,  
for a very reasonable sum of  
money, and #3 I have very little  
news to report since it is 6  
months to Reunion time. So on  
to the news: 27 lovely women so  
far have sent in their \$12.00  
checks for the San Antonio  
Brunch/Meeting on October  
8th. Pretty good - but please  
keep those checks coming in! I  
have to give a big Gold Star and  
a Hug & Kiss to Lily Krasovetz,  
who was #1 with her check.  
Thank you, thank you, Lily, you  
did listen to me last June in  
Fayetteville. As #2, Laura  
Wilder deserves a Gold Star  
too; she followed my instruc-  
tions to the letter - Good Girl!  
All of you are also getting  
smarter in reading the Octofoil  
before your husbands do. Not  
that I didn't think you were all  
just the most intelligent and  
beautiful women in the world,  
on top of being sweet and  
charitable! Thanks Dvora  
Heller for your note and clip-  
ping on P.D. James, mystery  
writer. Sorry you didn't get to  
see her in person. That Flu was  
nasty this winter, wasn't it? Is  
there anyone else out there in  
Auxiliary land who is a PBS  
MYSTERY fan? See me if you  
are please? A lovely note from  
Marline Sanchez. No, the last  
storm didn't harm our house at  
all, except a yard full of tree  
branches and snow to last us  
forever! Also, a funny note  
from Eva Santos, or did Henry  
put that saying in your  
envelope? It made my day and  
I laughed everytime I thought  
of it — "Some say "Think  
Positive" Others won't buy  
Green Bananas!!!! Thanks  
whoever did it. Also thanks to  
Thelma Quinlan, yes, snow was  
heavier in the '40s if I  
remember, and I remember  
well the December 26, 1947 2  
feet snow fall, my first-born,  
Stephen was only 7 months old.  
Lois Brewer's note was sweet,  
thanks for the kind words, and I  
do remember you from last  
year. Women, I think are mak-  
ing some more progress Lois,  
we now have 6 women in the  
U.S. Senate now, and a First  
Lady who's shaking things up!  
And last but not least, a lovely  
newsy note with my birthday  
card in March, from Ruth Lees.  
It was so sweet of you to  
remember me, Ruth. Not pleas-  
ant getting older, but it is in-  
evitable and so long as I don't  
think about it too much I can  
live with it. I also heard from  
Secretary Phyllis Perna, but  
not with her check. I will get to  
you soon with the information  
you want. OK? Hope you ladies  
are thinking of a Veterans'  
home or hospital to whom we  
can give our money at this Re-  
union. Remember this year we  
are not taking nominations for  
this from the floor. Please send  
your suggestions in to: Mary  
Brasington, Carol Saunders,  
Phyllis Perna or me, before Oc-  
tober. Aso send your member-  
ship fees, if due this year, to me  
before the Reunion, along with  
your Brunch check, it will save  
time and effort in October.

Lastly, I must share this  
Christmas note I received from  
Daphne Grubb, ALA Hospital  
Representative in Fayetteville,  
North Carolina, to whom we  
gave \$300. in June, 1992. It is so  
beautiful and to the heart of  
why we meet each year:

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HOLIDAY INN RIVERWALK NORTH is pleased to host:  
TEXAS & GREATER SOUTHWEST CHAPTER  
9TH INFANTRY DIVISION, ASSOCIATION  
OCTOBER 7-10, 1993  
ROOM RESERVATIONS

Please reserve accommodations for: (Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Additional Occupants: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Check in time is 3:00 PM. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. Reserva-  
tions must be received by 9/7/93 or rooms become subject to  
availability.

Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Rates: (Circle rate desired)	# rooms	# people
Single Occupancy: \$79	Triple	
Double Occupancy: \$79	Quad	
( ) Non-smoking preferred		

Mail completed application to:  
Holiday Inn Riverwalk North  
110 Lexington  
San Antonio, TX 78205

Specific Details

The hotel will extend the same daily rate to guests for  
three days before and three days after the reunion dates.

A limited number of Non-smoking rooms are available  
on a first come-first served basis. Indicate need on the  
registration card.

The hotel will issue confirmations.

Cancellations with full refund will be granted up to 6  
PM on day of arrival. Must have a confirmation number.

If making 1st nights deposit by check make check  
payable to Holiday Inn Riverwalk North for \$89.27.  
(\$79.00 rate plus 13% tax. Sales tax exemption is pending,  
any excess tax will be credited to final bill.)

Suites and Hospitality Rooms (CP's) are handled by  
hotel on an individual basis. Contact Mr. Jim Malone at  
512-737-1955 for availability and rates.

Special world of caution: There are 7 Holiday Inns in  
San Antonio, we are dealing with Holiday Inn Riverwalk  
North.

Pre-Registration Procedure  
Forty-eighth Annual Reunion  
October 7, 8, 9, 1993

Pre-Registration for all the events, Strip Tickets, will be used  
again this year at the Forty-eighth Annual Reunion.

- Fill out the Pre-registration Form provided below.
- Write a check or money order to the Ninth Infantry Reunion  
Committee for the full amount of the tickets.
- Mail the Pre-registration Form and the check or money  
order to Willard Norris, 504 East Kerr, Burnett, Texas 78611.
- You will receive a confirmation Card Receipt.\*
- This Card Receipt must be presented at the Reunion Pre-  
registration Desk to receive the tickets, program and  
registration packet.
- Cancellation of Pre-registrations will be honored for a full re-  
fund if received before September 25th. Cancellations receiv-  
ed after September 25th will receive a partial refund.
- To cancel a Pre-registration, contact Willard Norris 504 East  
Kerr, Burnett, Texas 78611 or telephone 512-756-4132 prior to  
September 25th, 1993. After September 25th call the Holiday  
Inn, Riverwalk North, San Antonio, Texas, 210-223-9267 and  
leave a message for Willard Norris or Richard Granberry.
- Pre-register now and be assured of having tickets for the  
Welcoming Party on Thursday night, the Friday Dance and  
the Saturday Banquet.

Pre-Registration Form  
Forty-eighth Annual Reunion  
October 7, 8, 9, 1993  
San Antonio, Texas

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of  
wife or guest \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Unit in the 9th \_\_\_\_\_

All Event Strip Tickets: Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ at \$60.00 each

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Please check if you are a Gold Star Wife or Member's  
Widow or family.

Texas and Greater Southwest Chapter Members: Please  
send separate checks for dues and Reunion Strip Tickets.

Mail the Pre-registration Form and the check or money  
order to Willard Norris, 504 East Kerr, Burnett, Texas, 78611.



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LADIES CORNER

To The Ladies of the Ninth Division Association:

In the spirit of the Holiday season I would like you to know that I think you're a very special group. You have helped me make a difference in the lives of hundreds of people who in their prime helped to make the world and especially these United States of our a land of Freedom. May the Joys of the Season be yours throughout the year. My fondest regards to each of you."

Sincerely,  
Daphne Grubb

Take care now and keep in touch. See you in the next edition and in Texas!

Ellie Taubner  
85 Smith Avenue  
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

## Taps Sounded

Call out our names  
As the years go by-  
Remember us-  
and we will never die-

With deep regrets we announce the passing of these "Old Reliabilities" and friends. To their loved ones may we offer our belated sympathy.

Joseph Devine  
60th Inf.

Gerald Teachout  
60th Inf. F. Co.

Max Monsaro  
60th Inf. Serv. Co.

Jay Garner  
47th Inf. E Co.

Arthur Ellis

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M Co. 47th Inf.

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39th Inf. B Co.

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39th Inf. G Co.

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60th Inf.

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Co. B 47th Inf.

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60th Inf.

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60th Inf. K Co.

Edward Briody

Robert Kinkoph  
I & R Plt. Hq. Co. 47th Inf.

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47th Inf. G Co. & Fina Sec.

Ken Baker

Eddie Krause  
Hq. Co. 47th Inf.

Oscar Nelson

Anthony Kremka  
84th F.A.A. Btry.

Hq. 1st Bn 47th Inf  
MRS. H.E. DIETRICH  
109 Rodhos St.  
Toms River, NJ 08757

Just a note to let you know, I would like to have the Octofoil sent to me. Lately, I had to read it to Henry, his eyes were failing.

Hope all is well, at your home, have a zillion things to do today, but have been under the Drs. care - have Acute Bronchitis, but am on medication, and it is subsiding!

47th Inf. E. Co.  
BILL MOOTY  
2023 Williamsburg Way  
Birmingham, AL 35223

The month of February 1992 and 1993 have not been good months for those of us from Company E, 47th. Our company Commander, Frank Petty passed away in February 1992 and Jay Garner, a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer passed away this February.

Jay lived with his family in Blackfoot, Idaho. Jay was a superior officer and a gentleman in every respect of the word.

Being from Idaho, Jay was a Potato Specialist, he used his expertise in several foreign countries.

Those of us who served with these two fine officers will miss them and especially at Reunion time.

47th Inf. B Co.  
DENNIS Canedy.  
117 Rocky Hill Ave.  
New Britain, CT 06051

The passing on of our mutual friend Pat Morano was a loss to all 9th people, but to the B Co. gang, it was more than that.

Pat, along with Art Stengal, was able to keep B Co. people in closer contact and they did a great job on "To Be or Not to 'B' 47th."

At any event where I met Pat and Anne, Pat was the spark plug that kept things going. Pat would have made a great top sergeant.

Pat and Anne were the official historians of all the events that they attended, and shared this with all their friends. And their friends were legion.

Joe and Ellie Taubner called me about Pat's death and I am grateful about this thoughtful act from my friend and former top sergeant.

My best to you and Marie.

26 F.A. Service Bty.  
JEROME LANGER  
601 Imperial Blvd.  
Lakeland, FL 33803

I was very surprised to read about Joe McKenzie's death in the Mail Call from Elmer Roscoe's letter. Joe McKenzie was very special to me as he was a person you could count on, on being a friend when you needed one. He was always there to help and guide anyone who needed his help.

When I was in business in N.Y.C., he visited my showroom and we had a very nice time.

"Father Joe" will be missed. I'm sorry that I didn't know of his death, as I think I would have gone to his wake and visited some of my old friends like the Pergioannis.

60th Inf. H Co.  
WYETT COLCLASURE  
307 S. Washington St., R.R. 1  
Kimmundly, AL 62854

Time to renew for another three years. If we missed you at Christmastime, please forgive. From October to Christmas, Mrs. Colclasure and I both had open-heart surgery. So many details were by-passed.

I see the "Taps Sounded," that Thomas Richey, 60th Inf. "H" Co., passed away. Unless H Co. had more than one "Richey"; he would have been my supply sergeant, when I commanded Co. H. I thoroughly appreciated him as the best supply sergeant a Company commander could have; a natural provider of all needful and useful. My condolences to his family.

See you all in San Antonio.



26th F.A.  
WILLIAM F. BONGIORNO  
2018 E Prairie Cir  
Deltona, FL 32725-3718

It has been some time since I have dropped a line to the "OCTOFOIL." I guess I'm a little overdue. I was prompted to write after reading "TAPS" and seeing more of my friends pass on. I get kind of melancholy when I read "TAPS" especially this past issue. I was sad to see my very dear friend Joe McKenzie had passed away. I had the pleasure of being at Joe's wedding along with being at his children's wedding. Joe was one that everyone in the 26th FA looked up to. I wished I could have been with Ron Murphy, Tom Boyle and my good friend Fran Maher to pay my respects at the wake, but unfortunately I found out too late. As time continues to fly by St. Peter will be forming a NEW 9th Div. in heaven.

I would like to share with everyone a couple of highlights in my past 75 years. The first and most important while stationed at Ft. Bragg, meeting, falling in love with, and marrying the most wonderful girl in the world. Second, was being able to share the past 50 years with this same person. We celebrated, in gayla our 50th year with a grand party this past year.

God continues to bless me. I survived our four years overseas. I survived two teen aged children growing up. Fifteen years ago I survived my by-pass surgery, and Ellie's by-pass surgery. This past year I even survived Ellie not killing me because I had a second by-pass operation.

I'm also blessed with great children and terrific grandchildren. Ellie continues to put up with me, and we are in fair health. We have friends all over the world through the 9th Div. What more could one ask for?

To all my good friends good health and good luck.

709th Ord.  
MARY L. DAILYDAS  
R.R. 1 Box 124  
Midway, AZ 72651-9407  
Dear Dan:

I have very much enjoyed the issues of the Octofoil that you have so graciously sent me over the past 7-8 years since Joe died. May the enclosed check be a small token of my appreciation.

You may not know the name, but Joe was a driver for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals out of Brooklyn for many years. He wasn't exactly a "joiner" but he did attend a number of the Reunions and he made the trip to Europe with the 9th. We often spoke of having seen you where he was down at the Pier, making a delivery. He also spoke often of Walter O'Keefe.

I don't know many of the 9th Inf. people, and at times, I find it "awkward" being a "lone person" — but San Antonio sounds interesting, and the time of the year is especially good, so I just may take off and go.

As my friend says — "Have bag will travel".

Thanks again for the Octofoil.



## Mini Reunion

"B" Co. will be having a mini reunion in Greensburgh, PA, June 11-13, 1993.

39th Inf. B Co.  
JOSEPA GRAVINO  
10 Center Street  
Macedon, NY 14502

## Veterans Awards

Haven't written for awhile, so have a number of things which I believe requires concerns to the Association.

First, I would like you to remind the members that the following members are the committee which is responsible for the Awards to Veterans (hospital, etc.):

Henry Santos  
9811 N. Connechuset Rd.  
Tampa, FL 33617

Adolph  
9430 96th Street  
Ozone Park, NY 11416-1609

(myself)  
Lawrence J. McLaughlin  
82 Gould Street  
Wakefield, MA 01880

Any member who has a requirement for an award should forward the information to any of the above committee members. The request should be in writing from the facility requesting the award. We would like these requests to be confined to specific types of equipment or appliances and not general items, such as socks or underwear. We have small metal plaques to attach to award equipment, which indicates it was awarded by the 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. Members should be cautioned the award funds are not usually available until annual Reunion.

Next, is something that has bothered me since our Fort Bragg Reunion last June. As a proud member of the 9th Inf. Div., I'm disturbed by the lack of emphasis on the honors or exploits of our Division at Fort Bragg. I recognize that the Fort is now and has principally Airborne Troops since we left in "42." However, I believe some or more visual evidence should be displayed at Fort Bragg of our past, presence and later accomplishments. I was fortunate to be able to roam around the post before and after our Memorial Services in June. During the wandering, in the vicinity of our Division Memorial Marker, I became aware that the Memorial Marker (directly opposite ours) has a bronze plaque mounted on a pedestal immediately in front of the Memorial Stone Marker. I recall the bronze plaque expounded on an event involving the award of the first "Expert Infantryman Badge" to a sergeant stationed at Fort Bragg!!

In addition to this pedestal and bronze plaque, there are approximately two dozen similar ones displayed along the short roadway leading towards our Memorial. These plaques honor various units who have trained at Fort Bragg, such as R.O.T.C., etc. My personal observation and recollection was that *many* of the exploits depicted compare or exceed those accomplished by our Division!

My suggestion is we have a pedestal and bronze plaque mounted immediately in front of our Division's Memorial Marker. The bronze plaques' inscription could list our campaigns in WW II and/or possible Vietnam. Anything is better than nothing, which is the way it is now!

I am willing to assist in any enterprise involving the above suggestion - including financial - however, I believe we have sufficient funds in our Memorial Fund to erect a pedestal with bronze plaque.

In connection with this same endeavor above, I have a further suggestion which would cost an insignificant amount of time and money. It was my further observation at Fort Bragg, not too far from the Memorial Area — that there were two streets fairly close together names "6th Street" and "9th Street." I noted that there was a wide space on the street signs between the "numerals" and the word (abbreviation) "street."

My suggestion - put the words "Infantry Division" or their abbreviation ("Inf. Div.") between "9th and St."

Diagram:  
Present Street Sign: 9th St.

Suggested Street Sign: 9th Infantry Division St.

or Suggested Street Sign: 9th Inf. Div. St.

I am sending a copy of this letter to "Bob" De Santy, Southern Pines, N.C. as he might be helpful implementing my suggestions - if considered favorably.

Thanks for forwarding my Octofoil to Florida address. Best regards to both you and Marie.

Larry McLaughlin



Herb Olsen sends this photo taken in England in 1944 (May) when Company G 47th Inf. was getting ready for the invasion of Normandy. Shown left to right front row Herb Olsen, Schramm, Secat and in the rear l-r, Gerald Olsen, Herb's twin brother, who lost his life in France on the way to Cherbourg. The two remaining men are not identified.

34th F. A.

Mini Reunion

Leon R. Birum  
R.R. #1, Box 59  
Union City, IN. 47390

It's always a welcome surprise to find the Octofoil in my mailbox. And like all the fellows, I look for letters from my unit, and then read its entire contents.

There have been several articles written about Kasserine Pass and the N. Africa campaign and it's always great to see the Ninth Division mentioned. It is hard to believe that fifty years have gone by.

The first reunion of the 34th F.A. Bn. veterans will be held at the Holiday Inn-Fayetteville, I-95, Fayetteville, NC June 2-3-4. General Westmoreland will be there. This may be the last time for the 34th men to see their first and best remembered Commander.

If you are interested in attending, contact Leon R. Birum by letter or phone, 317-964-4339.

The last two years have been the best years since leaving the Battalion at Phaffenhofen, Germany in 1945. This is pertaining to my relationship with former men of the Battalion. Beginning in 1982, after retiring, I started to accumulate names and addresses of these men, thru attending Division Assoc. reunions and the Memorial Mass, at Worcester, and thru correspondence. By Nov. of 1991, I had approximately seventy five names and addresses on hand.

Through personal contact, letters, and telephone, I discovered that without exception, all these men had the same feelings of closeness to their former Comrades-in-Arms, that I had. They were all thrilled to learn of the whereabouts of their former buddies, and then to be able to contact them. Their expressions of gratitude in having someone help them to get in touch, was heart-warming.

With this inspiration, I decided to try to publish a Newsletter to all those men of the 34th. This being my first endeavor at such a project, I had no idea how successful it would be. By coincidence, I had it completed and mailed my Newsletter so it would arrive on the Fiftieth Anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

The letters and phone calls that I received, thanking me for my efforts in making news available about their former WWII Comrades-in-Arms, was one of the most gratifying experiences of my life. The following year, in December of 1992, I published my 2nd Newsletter, and intend to do so as long as I'm able. At the present time I have in my files, the names and addresses of one hundred 34 veterans.

At the Reunion at Fayetteville, in June last year, there were twenty four men of the 34th in attendance. This was by far the largest group to be at a Division Reunion, and everyone had a great time reminiscing about the "Big War". Because of this I have decided to take a giant step in helping my buddies to further recall their experiences with their Comrades-in-Arms.

Recently you published a picture of the 34th men at the Fayetteville Reunion, without names.

Following are names — Lt R, Fr. Row, Leo Bohm, Leslie Dail, Albert Willingham, Harry Mansfield. Middle kneeling William Ring. Back Row — John Slater, Sheldon Stoddard, George Connolly, John Brasell, Jack Lannon, Robert Turner, Carl Ward, Leon Birum.

SIGHT-SEEING TOURS IN SAN ANTONIO

Your reunion committee has arranged two (2) outstanding sight-seeing tours during your October reunion visit .....

<b>TOUR #1</b> <b>Itinerary:</b>	Friday afternoon, October 8, 1993 Historic Fort Sam Houston, King William Historic District, El Mercado Mexican Market, Lone Star Brewery.
<b>TOUR #2</b> <b>Itinerary:</b>	Saturday afternoon, October 9, 1993. San Jose Mission, Spanish Governor's Palace, San Fernando Cathedral, and the famous Alamo.

You will travel in air-conditioned busses with tour guides, and will have ample time to thoroughly see each site on each itinerary. Each tour will be 2½ to 3 hours long. The cost will be \$14.00 per person for each tour. Busses will pick up, and deliver signed up couples or individuals at the two reunion hotels. Additional details will be made available at the 9th Infantry Division Assn., reunion headquarters - Holiday Inn Riverwalk North Morning briefings, and sign-ups for tours will be held October 8 and 9th.

FAMOUS SAN ANTONIO RIVER BOAT TOURS

Brochures for narrated River Tours of the famous Downtown Sections of the San Antonio River will be available to all reunion attendees at the registration desk of the 9th Inf. Div. Assn. Those of you who have never been to historic San Antonio must take advantage of the River Tours or walk on the fabulous River Walk with its beautiful landscape, shops, outdoor cafes, bars, and restaurants.

THE SAN ANTONIO TROLLEYS

You will also have the opportunity to see famous Historic Landmarks - on your own - at a nominal fee - while aboard The San Antonio Trolleys which are easily boarded at all major hotels, and other designated stops and provide leisurely rides to all historic landmarks in the City - brochures at our registration desk will tell you all about the Trolley Rides.

AIR TRAVELLERS

Your 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION suggests DELTA AIRLINES AND D & B TOURS INTERNATIONAL AS OFFICIAL AIR CARRIER AND TRAVEL AGENCY FOR OUR 1993 REUNION IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, OCTOBER 7 - 10, 1993.

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Ninth Infantry Division Association has selected Delta Air Lines and D & B Tours International as the official air carrier and travel agency for our reunion in San Antonio Texas, October 7 - 10, 1993.

Delta's nationwide toll free reservation number is staffed by fully trained meeting specialists to assist you in making your reservation for our reunion in San Antonio. To take advantage of this service and to ensure that the Ninth Infantry Division Association receives credit for the travel you must do the following:

1. Call Delta Air Lines at the following TOLL FREE number: 1-800-241-6760 (Mon - Fri 8 AM - 11 PM Eastern time).
2. Advise the meeting specialist that you are a member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and your SPECIAL CODE NUMBER which is: **H0648**.
3. Inform the meeting specialist of the date you want to leave for San Antonio and the date you wish to return from San Antonio.

You may use your credit card and Delta Air Lines will mail your airline tickets to you at your request.

For those of you who would like to extend your stay in Texas or the surrounding area D & B Tours International has made special arrangements so that you can leave your city as early as Oct. 4th and return as late as Oct. 16th. Please take this into consideration when making your reservations. **ALL TRAVEL MUST BE COMPLETED BY October 16, 1993.**

REMEMBER A 10% discount for Seniors.....

After a certain number of reservations are booked - THE AIRLINE will award a GRAND PRIZE.....

IT IS IMPORTANT that after making your reservations with DELTA AIR LINES you fill out this form, and mail it to D & B Tours International, the reunion committee's travel agent.

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

CITY\_\_\_\_\_ST.\_\_\_\_\_ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

Departure city\_\_\_\_\_ to San Antonio.

Departure date\_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Time\_\_\_\_\_

Return date\_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Time\_\_\_\_\_

Please send the above information to:

D & B Tours International  
P.O. Box 821051  
Dallas, Tx. 75382-1051

TWO SIDE TRIPS TO MEXICO

Your San Antonio reunion committee has been working with the D&B TOURS INTERNATIONAL, a Dallas based independent contractor assisting our committee with transportation arrangements for the October 1993 reunion. (The manager of D&B Tours is a relative of a former 9th Infantry Div. member.)

D&B TOURS INTERNATIONAL has arranged for two (2) side trips to Mexico after our reunion in San Antonio. Space is limited, and early sign up is urged to guarantee space.

The following packages are available to either Acapulco or Cancun, Mexico for three (3) nights.

Both of these packages include:

Round trip airfare from San Antonio (via scheduled airlines). 3 nights at a First Class hotel (on the beach). (Not necessarily ocean view rooms)

Round trip airport/hotel transfers.

Baggage handling of 2 bags.

15% Mexican VAT tax.

All local hotel taxes.

All gratuities to maids and bellman.

ACAPULCO Mexico depart from San Antonio Sun. Oct. 10, 1993.

At the Acapulco Plaza. from \$533.00\* (ppdo).

CANCUN Mexico depart from San Antonio Mon. Oct. 11, 1993.

At the Krystal Cancun hotel. from \$588.00\* (ppdo).

A deposit of \$150.00 (per person based upon double occupancy is required).

\* Price is per person, double occupancy, plus Govt. fees & taxes of \$24.00, PLUS a Mexican departure tax to be paid in Mexico prior to departure. Rates are subject to change without notice and depend upon availability for dates selected. Restrictions apply. Prices are as of 03/05/93. D & B Tours International is and independent contractor and not affiliated with the 9th Infantry Division Association.

The TENTATIVE flight schedules for these side trips are:

FOR ACAPULCO

Depart San Antonio Oct. 10 Time 10:29 AM-ARRIVE Acapulco 2:27 PM  
Depart Acapulco Oct. 13 Time 3:15 PM-ARRIVE San Antonio 7:52 PM

FOR CANCUN

Depart San Antonio Oct. 11 Time 7:52 AM-ARRIVE Cancun 10:52 AM  
Depart Cancun Oct. 14 Time 11:35 AM-ARRIVE San Antonio 4:37 PM

These flight schedules should be taken into consideration because it may require that you spend an extra night in San Antonio before and/or after the trip and you need to make arrangements for this (at your expense). This should also be taken into consideration when making your return reservations from San Antonio via Delta Air Lines our OFFICIAL carrier. Please complete the following for your trip to Mexico.

NAME (1)\_\_\_\_\_

NAME (2)\_\_\_\_\_

APT #\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

CITY\_\_\_\_\_ST.\_\_\_\_\_ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

Destination\_\_\_\_\_

Deposit total enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please send the above information and deposit to:

D & B Tours International  
P.O. Box 821051  
Dallas, Tx. 75382-1051

For information only please send a self addressed stamped business envelope to the above address. Please specify either the Cancun or Acapulco package.

ALL persons traveling to Mexico must have either a VALID PASSPORT or for U.S. citizens a Birth Certificate WITH THE STATE RAISED SEAL and a photo ID, such as a valid drivers license. Other documents may be required. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE NEAREST MEXICAN CONSULATE OR TOURIST OFFICE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION RELATING TO ENTRY INTO MEXICO.

Travel protection insurance is recommended for all trips. D & B Tours International is licensed by the state of Texas to sell Travel Insurance.

PLEASE NOTE:

To take advantage of the Mexico package tour prices a minimum of 15 rooms for each hotel is needed. An initial deposit is required to make group reservations for each destination, and airline space. (\$150.00 per person). Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure. D & B Tours International cannot request any airline/hotel space without putting up the deposit. The earlier reservations are made the better the chance of receiving the prices quoted. Prices are subject to change without notice unless fully paid. This means that the entire package must be paid in full for 15 rooms/airline space.

THE THREE NIGHT PACKAGE TRIPS TO MEXICO ARE PROPOSED AND ARRANGED BY D & B TOURS INTERNATIONAL, AND ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY SPONSORED, UNDERWRITTEN OR ENDORSED BY THE 9th INFANTRY DIV. ASSOCIATION, THE TEXAS CHAPTER, OR THE REUNION COMMITTEE.

TRAVEL, AND BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION WITH D & B TOURS INTERNATIONAL.

Deadline for next issue of Octofoil July 20th

M COMPANY (47TH)  
CHRONICLER

Again, I haven't much to chronicle this time. Too busy with the final touched on "Sed-jenane: The Pay-off Battle," doing the index, selecting photos and maps, etc. Actually, I'm only waiting to see if a couple of "last straw" efforts to locate General Eddy's aide and nephew, Jack, and Conrad Anderson of the 1/39, are going to succeed. Also, I'm expecting more mail from a couple of new German sources as to how it was from their viewpoint. Then we'll go to press, possibly before heading back for another look around Tunisia.

The other day someone sent me some stuff on Sicily. Let me nip this in the bud. I am not embarked on a plan to do a book on each of the 9th's eight stars. The current job is it! I'm not making enough on this and the brain gets overloaded with trivia with which it can no longer cope. The other day we were out for breakfast and the waitress asked, "whatta ya have, sonny?" I replied, "Two Goums over easy and hold the 88's."

So, if I'm that close to finishing with it, why the return to Tunisia? Actually, I'm not going back to find my old foxhole on the Draa Saada el Hamra, or any of those other beauty spots we knew. This time, I'd like to see the parts we never got to: Kairouan, one of the great Muslim center, Tabarka on the coast near the Algerian frontier (great coral diving I'm told), the Roman ruins at Dougga, Carthage and the new resorts. When the tour is finished, our daughter and son-in-law, who live in Saudi Arabia, are joining us for a week on the island of Jerba, a favorite resort of the Europeans. I should have plenty with which to fill the next Chronicler.

I did have a letter from Jack Knight. He had sent me an anecdote concerning an interview that his buddy, "Big John" Watson, had had with General Eddy. Actually, the tawdry little tale told me less of the general than the way groundpounders think when they haven't had enough close order drill in the sunshine. Jack and I got it straightened out. Alas, we can't do anything about "Big John," rest his soul. My contacts in Texas tell me that they are going all out to make that Reunion in San Antonio next October the biggest and best ever. From my experience with the Lone Star types, they'll give it a hell of a go. I'm really looking forward to it.

By the way, Lee says she's not going if I just sit in the lobby all day and peddle books — so that's out! I may bring a copy for "show n' tell," but it will be strictly mail orders, leave your orders at the desk. And, incidentally, try as I may, the price this time can't be held to less than \$15 plus postage. Publication costs are up and this book is half again as large as "El Guettar," Blame it on the Go-Devils, They weren't with us down south so I didn't have to write about them.

If anyone wants a copy reserved, I'll be happy to take orders anytime.

Just had a call from Dick Yates in nearby Rancho Cordova. He's planning on doing his first reunion at San Antonio. That could be a lesson for some of you guys. Why not join him?

Adios amigos!

Red Phillips  
14002 Hemlock Drive  
Penn Valley, CA, 95946

## Reunion Dates

Oct. 7-10, 1993

## N.E. CHAPTER NOTES

The N.E. Chapter was saddened by the death, in January, of Joe McKenzie. Joe was one of the "Old Reliables" who, with his wife Alice, was always in attendance at our annual Memorial Mass and Service held in honor of our beloved dead. The N.E. Chapter extends their deepest sympathy to Joe's family.

## Condolences

We also wish to extend our condolences to Connie Matules and his family on the death of Connie's wife Kathryn. Connie is a Worcester resident and an active member of the N.E. Chapter, always involved in all of our activities.

## Worcester Memorial

This year the annual Memorial Mass and Service will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, October 17th. Arrangements are being made to hold our luncheon at the Ramada Inn where we expect to get a reasonable room rate for those who stay overnight. More information on this will follow.

In the following weeks we will be finalizing plans for the Lake Placid Reunion to be held in June of 1994. All details will be published after the San Antonio Reunion in October.

Fran Maher, Tom Boyle, Connie Matulis and I will meet in Worcester with the contractor who will be doing the repairs on the Worcester Memorial. We hope that all the arrangements will be finalized and the work started.

## Appreciated

Our sincere thanks to those who have contributed to the repair of the Worcester Memorial. As yet we have not meet our goal. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to "Friends of Father Connors" and mail to Thomas Boyle, 39 Hall Avenue, Somerville, Ma 02144.

Sincerely,

Ron Murphy  
44 Strawberry Lane  
Scituate, Ma 02066

## Michigan News:

In all things there is good news and bad news. As death and taxes is bad news I will start with the bad.

The following is an excerpt from our SAGINAW NEWS: "Nelson, Oscar A.M.D. Age 74 passed away suddenly Saturday, January 23, 1993. ... He began service with the U.S. Army during World War II serving with the Second and Ninth Divisions as Field Surgeon."

Also news from Erma Teachout that her Jerry passed away February 24th of congestive heart failure. Jerry served with F. Co. 60th Infantry and will be remembered that despite his disability he made the annual reunions. Erma can be reached at 1600 W. Struck Space #165 Orange Ca. 92667.

A note from Everett Tapp informs me of the death of Eddie H. Krause on March 16th, 1993. Eddie was a Major and served with Hqs. Co. 47th Inf. He was active in the V.F.W. in Florida serving in various capacities. He was survived by two daughters and a son Gerald.

Now we pray that their souls may rest in peace.

These three will be remembered at our Memorial Service on May 2nd.

This year's service will be held at the grave site of Bob Rumenapp. Bob served with the 60th Cannon Co. His widow, Betty, will join with us.

With that I find good news hard to come by. So until we see you in Texas Good Luck to one and all.

Rodger E. Alsgaard

ILLINOIS CHAPTER  
NEWSLETTER

Nothing too much happening with the Illinois Chapter. The calendar says Spring but the weather is not cooperating. We did meet for lunch in early March with some of the members.

On March 20th Paul and Lorraine Clark's children threw a Surprise Anniversary Party for them. Their children did a great job in keeping the secret from them and a good time was had by all. We wish them many more years of happiness.

We also wish to congratulate Howard and Grace Gaertner on their 45th Anniversary. We just heard that Grace is undergoing some heart problems. She has a doctor's appointment after the deadline for this newsletter. We will know more in our next edition. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We also received notice from Mrs. Kremka that her husband, Anthony Kremka, 84th F.A. "A" Btry., passed away from a heart attack on December 10, 1992. Our heartfelt condolences to the family.

We are preparing to go to the Mini Outstate Reunion in Madison, Wisconsin on April 30th-May 1st. This will be our 7th annual meeting. Mike Carpenter has made all the arrangements again and we hope to have a good turnout. We will hold our meeting at that time and make plans for Memorial Day and finalize dates for the balance of the year. Gordon Anderson will send out notices after the meeting for those not in attendance.

We were in touch with John and Helen Clouser in Florida after the terrible rain storm and understand that they had considerable damage and flooding. We hope they have things under control by now. The Prestons and Hennemuths will be back the early part of May and we do not know if they had any problems.

We are looking forward to the Reunion in San Antonio. Our hotel reservations are in and next will be the strip tickets and ticket for the Ladies Brunch. Until then — Greetings and Salutations from all the Illinois Members for a Happy Summer.

Respectfully,  
Mike and Ann Belmonte  
1161 S. Lombard  
Oak Park, IL 60304

## Tip of the Hat

*The association is ever grateful to the members and friends who remembered the Memorial Fund. We salute you.*

Harold Hokanson

Fred Golub - In memory of Max Monsaro, 60th Serv. Co.

William Rybka

Joseph Kscenaitis - In memory of all deceased 9th Div. men.

Mrs. Mary Dailydas - In memory of her husband, Joseph, 47th Inf.

Mrs. Martha Long - In memory of her husband Ernie, 47th Inf.

Mrs. Julia Mischler - In memory of Joe McKenzie

Joe C. King

Herbert U. Stern

Aaron Lubin

Louis F. Rullan

Glenn E. Smith

Pete Rice Jr.

Carlos Palermo

Perry Payne - In memory of "Doc" Rishel

Anonymous - In memory of Col. Rohan

Carl Wood

Richard McGrath - In memory of B. Co. 15 Engrs.

Ann Morano - In memory of her husband Pat.

## NEW JERSRY CHAPTER

It is our sad duty to report that we have lost another one of our highly regarded members. I refer to Marty Gill, a man who has been active in both the New York and the New Jersey Chapters these past forty-some-odd years. In addition to his regular attendance at Chapter events, Marty was a faithful participant at the Worcester Memorial Mass for many, many years. Marty served with "G" Company - 47th Infantry and with Ninth Division Headquarters. I attended Marty's wake where I expressed our condolences to Peg and the other members of Marty's lovely family.

Though we haven't had a meeting since the late fall, I'll be announcing a spring meeting for some time in late May or early June. So many of you were so high in praise of our luncheon at the Rutgers Faculty-Alumni Club that I believe we'll have the next luncheon there. You'll soon be hearing from me by US Mail.

As your representative I had breakfast with our Governor Jim Florio on Friday, April 16. Governor Jim is a veteran of the Korean War, and he expresses a deep interest in the Veterans of our state. One of his statements impressed me: "Our Government has made a contract with its veterans, and we are committed to that contract...." His office has contacted me on numerous occasions, inviting me to buffets, picnics, and other meetings. He has often solicited my input concerning matters that affect veterans and their families. I am impressed with his sincerity and in his expenditure of energy on behalf of veterans. I shall keep you informed of other information emanating from his office. It was interesting that I met Andy Andriola at the breakfast. Andy was attending as the State Commander of the Amvets.

I hope many of you are planning to make the reunion in San Antonio in October. Though I haven't been there in some forty years, I always looked forward to going there, and I'm sure that during the ensuing years attractions of the town have multiplied. Get your reservations in now. You'll find applications in this issue of The Octofoil. See you in May.

Ed Hopkins, President  
New Jersey Chapter

110 Hollywood Ave.  
Metuchen, N.J. 08840-2116

TO "B" (47th) OR  
NOT TO "B"

The Sun is shining, it's quite warm here in Bergenfield, New Jersey, and All That Snow is finally gone! That means our Reunion in San Antonio will be here before you know it. I can't tell you how many men and their wives will be coming, because outside of the several I already know about, I have received no mail on it. And none of "B" Company wives have sent in their checks for the Ladies Auxiliary Brunch to Ellie so far. All I can say is I hope that we'll hear from you soon. We should all try to attend as many as possible as our numbers are dwindling fast. Our latest loss is 1st Sergeant Larry Krogbin on February 26th. It is not in the last Octofoil because he died shortly after Dan Quinn took it to the printers. Larry's wife, Greer called him and he called me right away. I sent notes to several of you and the rest are learning of it now. All of you who were in "B" Company from the beginning in Fort Bragg knew Larry Krogbin, who was in the 4th platoon until

TEXAS & THE GREATER  
SOUTHWEST CHAPTER  
MEETING

The third annual Chapter Meeting was held at the Whistle Stop Ranch, Tyler, Texas April 3, 1993. Headquarters was the Holiday Inn-Southeast and the accommodations were excellent. As the members drove through deep East Texas, the countryside was a symphony of Spring with the many values of green interspersed with the beautiful native white dogwood trees. The awakening of spring in Tyler with the drifts of azaleas and bulbs heralded Tyler as a floral wonderland. Many members participated in "Discovering Tyler" via the Annual Azalea Trail. A late cold spell did not hinder the show.

Chapter president, John W. Miller, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Reverend William Lynch gave the invocation. There was no old business to address but a continuing presentation of issues relative to the 48th Annual Reunion of the Association in San Antonio was discussed. The work of all committees is well in hand with only a few details to be completed. The ladies auxiliary assumed the responsibilities of certain costs relative to table decorations for the tables at the annual meeting. Decorations will echo the themes of each day.

New officers for the chapter were elected by acclamation, as follows:

President ..... Pete Rice, Jr.  
1st Vice-Pres. .... Gordon Schneider  
2nd Vice-Pres. .... Phillip B. Emmons  
Secty/Treas. .... Ernest J. Botella

## Board of Governors

Robert J. Hurst Willard Norris  
William C. Scott R. Granberry, Jr.  
The chapter endorsed Ernest J. Botella, to be nominated to the Board of Governors, National Association.

New chapter president Pete Rice, thanked the membership for their confidence in electing him to guide the chapter for the next two years. He also thanked the officers and the members for all of their work, in getting the chapter established and underway on such a firm foundation. He announced that the next chapter meeting will be in Arlington, Texas (tentative); the exact date and location to be determined.

The meeting adjourned and was followed by a Genuine Texas Style Barbecue. The hot food, seasoning and all, tempered the cold unseasonal weather. A very profitable and good time was enjoyed by everyone. Chapter thanks to Clyde Wilfong, who arranged all facilities for the meeting. He had complete control of all details but who can predict weather in Texas?

he made 1st Sergeant in Sicily (I think). He was a great soldier, and although he hadn't made many Reunions since the early ones, we will miss him.

Ellie and I are leaving for a week in Las Vegas, this coming Saturday. While there, we hope to visit the Grand Canyon, the Hoover Dam, Lake Meade National Recreation Area, etc. Of course, we expect to have lots of fun, winning at the Casinos and taking in a show or two. No use going to Las Vegas otherwise, right? I figure it's a good way to pay for the trip.

That's all for now. Please let me hear from you before the next issue of the Octofoil. Take care and keep in touch.

Joe Taubner  
85 Smith Avenue  
Bergenfield, NJ 07621  
(201) 385-5280



## Company F 47th Inf

Now that this long, hard winter is behind us I am starting to hear from some of the old warriors of "F" Company. Frank Gonzol reports that he has survived the bad weather, but that Lyl has been having difficulties. Lyl has been using a walker to get around these past few months, which promotes Frank to permanent KP and latrine orderly. Frank comes well qualified for both jobs, and we wish him well in his new dual careers.

Ken Yennie reported in last week with news that he has just finished undergoing five weeks of radiation treatments. We sincerely hope that the medics were 100% successful in their efforts and that Ken will have many happy and productive years ahead. Ken urged me to have that simple blood test (for prostate cancer) on a regular basis, and I pass his urging on to all you men who read this column. It is so much more effective than the old index finger test, that Ken wants me to spread the word. This is one disease that hits so many men in our age bracket, and it is one that can be cured if detected in time.

George King called to inform me that he has his Phelps home up for sale, and he plans to move east to a town near Albany to be close to his youngest daughter. I believe this past winter got to George, so that he now thinks that living with city folks is probably the easier way to finish out these forty or fifty years that we have remaining.

Lucy and I will be attending the wedding of Jack Finnigan's younger son, Rickey. We're looking forward to an enjoyable evening. Immediately after the wedding Jack is off to England for a visit with Bette's sister in Hay, a small town near the border of Wales.

Lou and Marion Slatnick just returned from a trip to Austin, Texas, where they enjoyed a fifteen day visit with their son and his family. Lou and Marion especially miss their two grandsons who are turning into excellent basketball players. Watch for the names "Slatnick" in the near future on the roster of the Oilers! Lou was good enough to drive me to and from the VA Hospital where I spent a few days undergoing some tests — tests I passed with flying colors. In fact there was a visiting general who, after seeing the results of my tests, tried to talk me into joining up. Then just two days ago, I had a cataract removed and a lens implanted successfully. The skill of our physicians just continues to amaze me.

I called Milton Zucker last week when I was on Long Beach Island. Milt informs me that he survived the winter in great shape and has already made arrangements to help with the festivities in San Antonio in October.

Earl Wilkey's Miriam took a bad fall this winter breaking some bones, but I understand she is coming along slowly but surely.

Lucy and I have been kept busy with our Long Beach Island home, traveling back and forth. Fortunately the storms and high water did our place little harm, even though the water rose higher than at any other time since we've been there.

I was saddened to receive a letter from Tex Hoffer informing me that he was giving up his accounting practice completely. He had been phasing it out this past year, but now that his eyes have just about failed him, he has decided to turn to pasture. Tex had been doing my

## Greater New York

On Friday, March 19, 1993, the Greater NY Chapter met at its usual Masonic Hall command post, 71 W. 23rd St., NYC, at 7:30 p.m. Prez Tony Varone opened the meeting with members flag salute and pledge of allegiance, followed by our resident "Chaplain" George Apar's prayer for peace, and a moment of silence to honor our departed 9th comrades.

Secretary Art Schmidt read the previous minutes and Treasurer Charles Vandermark gave the financial report. Art then read correspondence from our farflung members and friends: Albert "Hawk" DiRisio, Edwin E. Glover, James Hayes, Maurice Houckes, Sr., Ken Meyer, Bob Rucker, and Hyman Smith. Also, we received acknowledgments of NY Chapter condolences to families of recent departed 9th men: Mrs. Lillian (Jack) Abramson, Mrs. Gerry (Henry) Dietrich and Mrs. Ann (Pat) Marano.

The meeting continued with reports on various activities of the chapter. Prez Varone reminded all of plans for the May 15, annual Memorial Service at the LI National Cemetery and following picnic. Marty Gross reported on the status of the Concord Fun-Week Get-Together in June (see April report). Latest info on the San Antonio Reunion was discussed. The NY Chapter should have a good representation.

Other members attending, not mentioned above: Anton Dietrich, Vincent Guglielmino, Marv Levy, Charlie LiBretto, Al Lipton, Adolf Wadalavage, and Al Zenka.

The Greater NY Chapter met again on Friday, April 16, 1993 for our monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, NYC. The meeting was opened by Prez Tony Varone with the flag salutation and George Apar's convocation. After reading of the minutes and treasurer's report, correspondence was read to attending members from: William Doty, Samuel Ledford, Leo Feinstein, and John Stewart.

Prez Varone then reported on finalized details for the 9th Memorial March and Service at the LI National Cemetery in Farmingdale, Long Island, NY on May 15. Tony met with officials of the cemetery, requesting flags along the march route as well as a lectern, PA system and seating accommodations. For the picnic at Bethpage State Park following the memorial ceremony, Tony would also supply much of the foodstuffs and utensils. We're hoping for a good turnout of comrades to join us in paying respect to our fallen 9th men of World War II, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 15. — and for an afternoon of camaraderie at the picnic.

tax these past few years, and a good job he had done. I will always be appreciative of the work he had done for me.

I hear from Jack Healey from time to time. He lives not too far from me. Within the next few weeks I'll be getting together with Slat and we'll pick up Paul Giarraputo and Milt Zucker and all have lunch together. I'm looking forward to that. It's always good to see those good men. My annual financial report will soon be out.

Lucy joins me in sending best wishes to our good friends from "F" Company!

All the best to some of the best!

Ed "Hoppe" Hopkins  
110 Hollywood Avenue  
Metuchen, New Jersey  
08840-2116

## PAST PRESIDENTS NIGHT

Some closing matters of business: A reminder for NY members to attend the Past President's Night on Friday, May 21. Also, the NY Chapter congratulates comrade Al Bruchac on his retirement from the Queens, NY, Chamber of Commerce. On a sadder note, members were notified that former 60th Infantry commander Col. Frederick J. De Rohan had passed away at age 100. And lastly, cards would be welcome from 9th men by the family of Al Seely, who is down with Alzheimers at the VA Long Term Care Center, FL 3E, St. Albans, Queens, NY. One last, LAST reminder: if NY Chapter members have not paid their dues for 1993, please send to Art at his address below.

Members attending not mentioned above: William Canales, Anton Dietrich, Vincent Guglielmino, Jack Holuboff, Bill Klaus, Emil Langer, Charlie LiBretto, Al Lipton, Al Lubrano, Charles Vandermark, Al Zenka, and guest, national member Harry Polche.

## FUN WEEK

Because Marty Gross, chairman of the Concord Fun-Week committee, was out of town during the April meeting, Marv Levy presented Gross' report. The detailed flyer and reservation form that was sent to NY Chapter members for the Concord get-together, has drawn a goodly number of responses. For 9th-men, friends and relatives, who are still interested in joining with us June 7-11, details follow this meeting report.

- \* \$50 deposit check per person required with all reservations.
- \* All checks payable to: The Concord Resort Hotel. (NY Chapter will not handle any money or reservations for the group.)
- \* Write: NY Chapter 9th Inf Div Ass'n on checks and reservation form so our group will be seated together at meals and in nightclub.
- \* Mail deposits and reservations to: The Concord Resort Hotel, (Group Reservations), Kiamesha Lake, NY 12751-0138.
- \* Late reservations, best call hotel: 1-800-431-3850 (Group Reservations, NY Chapter, 9th Inf Div Ass'n).
- \* Mail reservations should include: Your Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Home Tel, No. of Children & Ages, Names and totals of Additional persons, Accommodations desired — 1st and 2nd choice, Rate, Date of Arrival & Departure, Amt. of deposit.
- \* For other info contact: Marty Gross, 516-791-6767, or Tony Varone, 516-269-5842.

Marv Levy  
A Co 60th Inf  
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Merrick, NY 11566  
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Secretary,  
69-20 69th Street  
Glendale, NY 11385-6696

60th Inf.  
JAMES HART  
7 Nenagh Drive  
Wilmington, DE 19803

Well, another year has rolled around and the news from here is nil. Seems the family's at a standstill and will have to wait a few more years before hopefully, we will continue to grow. I guess after six kids, eleven grandchildren and three great grands, it is time to sit back and catch your breath. Hope you and Marie had a good 1992 and that 1993 will be even better. Best regards.

## Florida Chapter

Henry Santos, Chairman of the Spring 1993 Meeting, planned and provided a fun-filled program for the attending members, their wives, and friends during the March 25, 26, 27 & 28 Mini-Reunion held at the Ramada Inn Hotel on International Drive, Orlando, Florida.

Members began registering on Thursday and soon found the location of the Hospitality Room while waiting for their room assignment. On Thursday evening, it was dinner at the famous Caruso's Restaurant. The decor and atmosphere of this fine Italian Restaurant is difficult to describe in words. It is estimated that the owners spent over six million dollars in the construction. Musical troubadours serenaded the different tables singing well known Italian songs requested by the Diners. The food was delicious. All the women were presented with a rose... compliments of the house.

It was back to the Hospitality Room where Eva Santos kept the goodies and drinks flowing for the remainder of the night. Tony Manzollilla started the telling of jokes with other members following. The louder the women laughed, the spicier the jokes. Mr. and Mrs. Al Andrade, guests of Eva & Henry Santos, attended the festivities and it appeared that they thoroughly were enjoying themselves.

Friday was a "get-acquainted" day. Name cards were being printed, signs were placed both inside and outside the hotel, the bulletin board was assembled with important notices... generally it was a time to get things fully organized. Orlando is a Mecca for attractions and entertainment. For Friday night, Henry Santos made arrangements for the membership to have dinner and be entertained at KING HENRY'S FEAST. The entertainers and the waitresses "Wenchies" as they referred to themselves, worked very hard. A songstress sang ballads. The Magician was fabulous... he called it "illusions" but to the audience it was magic. He caused birds to fly out of balloons while other birds just popped out of thin air. Then there was a Juggling act followed by a girl on the flying trapeze... with the King and the Jester coming on-stage in between the acts. It was a dazzling show but a bit loud.

Saturday morning was FREE TIME. Some members went sight-seeing, others went shopping while others chose to remain at the hotel. The Business Meeting was held at 2:00 P.M. The main topic was the election of new officers: John O'Grady was elected President; H.F. Stansell, V.P.; William Fleming, Secretary; Philip Berman, Treasurer and

Emil De Donato was made "Publicity and Public Relations Officer" a newly created position for the Florida Chapter. Other items on the agenda were (1) the next Florida Chapter Meeting will be held in the Spring of 1994 as the National Reunion this year will be in October. Bill Fleming will act as Chairman for the 1994 Spring meeting to be held in Jacksonville, FL. (2) The NEWSLETTER which was introduced at the meeting is to be continued on a yearly basis... more frequent if funds are available.

Henry Santos made arrangements to have the Saturday Night Buffet Banquet at the Ramada Hotel. Former Pres. Berman introduced the new President John O'Grady and the other officers. John O'Grady thanked the Florida Chapter Members for their support and promised to do his best.

Chairman Henry Santos was able to "negotiate" two 1 night FREE ROOMS from the Ramada Hotel Sales Manager in addition to other perks. These were raffled at the Saturday night banquet. The winners were: Roger Gartland and Henry Santos. The winner of the 50/50 chance club was Peter J. Cusack, who was not present but will receive the \$115.00 prize.

Taped dance music was played after the dinner for those who wished to dance. Most members were content just to sit and chat. Word was received that Bill and Dorothy Fleming will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 19, 1993. Congratulations to a lovely couple with wishes for many more years of marital bliss.

Several years ago, the Florida Chapter introduced a SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST for the membership. This is subsidized partly by the Treasury, the Women's Auxiliary and the members. A hearty "all-you-can eat" buffet style breakfast was had at the Hotel. This affords the members a final chit-chat session before bidding one another farewell and a "safe trip" home.

And so another enjoyable Florida Chapter Meeting was had thanks to the long hours and hard work put in by Henry Santos and his wife Eva.

Any member who belongs to the National Organization and finds himself in Florida at the time of our meetings are welcomed to participate. Watch for further notices in the OCTOFOIL or contact Emil J. De Donato, 3650 S.W. Mosswood St. Dunnellon, FL 34431, Phone (904) 489-4070.



Ken Meyers supplied this photo taken in 1947 when members tried to start a chapter in Akron-Cleveland, Ohio. Shown l-r Bob Lynch, Ken Meyers front row. Others are not identified. Story in other section of the Octofoil.

**Remember the Reunion Dates Oct. 7-10, 1993**

47th Inf. H Co.  
GEORGE SHAW  
702 E. 5th Street  
Metropolis, IL 62960

Hope this finds you and all of the NJ and NY guys doing OK and have weathered the snow and ice ok.

I re-enlisted in the Army in early 1947 and was stationed at Ft. Hamilton that winter or maybe it was 1948 — came a blizzard and the snow was 3 or 4 ft. deep and tied up NY for a bout a week. That was a doozy! If you were home then I know you remember it.

I see where a lot of the guys are passing on, I will be 70 in Oct. but I remember that most of the guys in Co H, 47th were vets of N. Africa and Sicily when I joined the 9th around France. So they were 3 or 4 years older than me on the average.

I see in the local KY newspaper that Ed Johnstone is still on the bench as Fed. Judge in KY. My home is across the Ohio River, from

47th Inf. Hq. Co., 2nd Bn.  
PERRY F. PAYNE  
509 Sutherland Drive  
Chickasaw, AL 36611

Sorry I'm late with my dues — check enclosed to cover same and a little extra for the Memorial Fund. In memory of Percy F. (Doc) Rishel.

I haven't been able to attend the last 2 or 3 reunions, but hope to make San Antonio.

My health has been below par for the last couple of years, but am on the mend at present, and it's pretty slow-going.

Best regards to you and Marie.

47th Inf. I Co.  
MARSHALL EARTHART  
109 Circle Drive  
Dover, TN 37058

I am sending my check for 3 more years. I would like to thank you for a wonderful paper. I sure enjoy reading the Octofoil.

I would also like to hear from anyone from I Co. 47th Inf. I joined the outfit in Belgium in 1945. I saw some action, enough to do me a lifetime. I was wounded in Kathere, Germany, April 16. War was over May 8. I stayed another year in Germany. I still feel close to the men I served with.

Thank you again, and may God Bless.

39th Inf. E Co.  
WILBERT GOLDSMITH  
7847 Maynard Avenue  
Canoga Park, CA 91304

See you and the rest of the guys in San Antonio in October. Hope all the men from E Co. 39th come. I know Larry Faulkner will be there. He would write, but he doesn't know how. He made 1st Sergeant. I better say I am joking as he only lives about 10 miles away.

60th Inf. Can. Co.  
CHARLES O'CONNOR  
A.P.D.O. #573  
San Miguel De Allende  
Guana Juato, Mexico 37700

Well, most of our friends are gone now, but their memory remains and will, I know, long after the last of us are gone. To those who are still around, my very best regards hoping there may be one or two who remember me.

What threw my timing off, I guess, was my illness last year. Had an abdominal operation then. They said I couldn't make the States, so I had it here. Something I swore I'd never do, i.e., have a major operation in Mexico. But, it all turned out well. Feel as good as new.

Hope you all are doing at least as well! All the best.

60th Inf. K Co.  
JOHN GROCKI  
15 Stony Corners  
Avon, CT 06001

"The Octofoil" which I have been just recently receiving has been a great source of information about the 9th. I was a member of the 9th - Co K 60th and was pleased to see the photo of K Co. members in the "Octofoil."

I experienced many memorable days serving with the 9th in North Africa, Sicily, England, France and Germany. There were, as you know, many times when things were not too pleasant. It appeared for a while that I would be able to hold on to the end, but I was wounded for the third time while in the area of the Hut. Forest, Germany. I was assigned to limited service and completed my overseas time with the 50th General Hospital in France.

Since my discharge in 1945 so many fine things have occurred in my lifetime. I completed my 2½ years of my College Education under the GI Bill, and worked in the Farmington, Conn. School System for 37 years.

My lovely wife "Lucille" and I have enjoyed our children "Deborah" and "John Jr.," and now four grandchildren.

I now serve as the V.F.W. Post 10361 Commander for the 2nd time. Have served as American Legion Post #32 Commander, and for 20+ years have been and continue to be the Manager of the Post 32 "American Legion Baseball Team." I've been fortunate and pleased to have been selected into the "Com. Coaches Hall of Fame" and also the "Davis & Elkins College Hall of Fame."

I have served in many capacities with the Veterans organizations. I've had much satisfaction from serving as a representative for the "Com. Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund," which provides help to needy veterans and their families, have been giving this service for 26 years.

I have enclosed a couple of clippings which show some of my involvement along with other veterans in our local programs.

Thanks to you and the other officers for getting the information out about the 9th.

47th Inf. D Co.  
IRWIN DUPUY  
12233 N. Yorkdale Dr.  
Baton Rouge, La. 70811

Yes, I'm still around! The winter has been very wet for us. You know the old water, water, everywhere. That is one thing we have. I went into the hospital March 6th, with my intestines all blocked up and things didn't look too "pretty good," but I have had so many stoppages I tell the doctor when to put the levine tube in my stomach. My throat stays raw for a few days but that is better than an operation. I have been lucky, having four major operations including the bypass.

If I could get lucky and locate other "D" Co. 47th Inf. soldiers besides the wonderful guys that are writing me now. Fellows this old "71" has many a letter left in him. I could spin tales with the best of them, particularly when on that Nov. 8th, 1942 Sunday morning when our ramp on our Higgins boat would not come down! Enough said.

**1993 Reunion  
San Antonio, Texas  
October 7-10, 1993**

Serv. Co., 47th  
EDWIN W. WISNIEWSKI  
7576 Gratiot Rd.  
Columbus, MI 48063-3310

Just a few lines to say all is well here with us today. I am in Dallas, Texas and will be here for another three weeks. I have a son and his family, and a daughter and her family living here. They were both 9th Div. Scholarship winners. The boy is a mechanical engineer and the daughter is an electrical engineer. Both are working for the same Defense Contractor and were shipped to Germany for the Desert Storm Campaign. The daughter had her family join her in Weisbaden and toured the Remagen Bridge area and the Battle of the Bulge area.

The picture that is enclosed has about 150+ names of 47th members, including Lyle Kitchen, Dusty Rhodes, G.C. Meadows, Capt. Walter, Capt. Buch, ammo officer and a host of others that would fill half of an Octofoil, if all were listed. Len De Bell had surgery but is coming along very good. He and Percy Hough who also had surgery lately, both were regular army and A Co. 39th. So until I see you in San Antonio, good luck and the best of health to both of you. (The size of the Flag is 5 X 20' and was taken off a building in Cherbury by myself, and I still have it!)

60th Inf. Co. A  
RUFUS H. BLACKWELL  
3412 Belvedere Drive  
Columbia, S.C. 29204

Just a few lines to say hello and how wonderful it was to meet you and your lovely wife at Fort Bragg, N.C. 47th annual reunion. I could not have met any two total strangers that would give me the service that I got coming through the registering line.

If you have space in the OCTOFOIL to say hello to the following, they helped make my first reunion great. John B. Knight 52 Woodview Rd. Wilkes Barre, PA

Edward S. Little  
313 Washington St.  
Thomoqua, PA

John W. Mingen  
7109 Betsy Ross  
Valley Sta. KY

Leo G. Hope  
1420 Evaline Dr.  
Cols. Ohio

Roscoe & Leola Shields  
Vernon, Texas

Palmer Boulware  
Winnsboro, S.C.

William E. Kinnington  
Lancaster, S.C.

I hope to see all of you at the reunion in Texas, October 7-10, 1993

9th Signal  
CARL WOOD  
212 Carissa St.  
Nokomis, FL 34275

A special "hello" to all my brothers in the 9th Signal Company. Sorry that we were unable to join you at Fort Bragg, but health problems would have made for a difficult trip. I'm trying to hang in there as best I can and all told am managing fairly well.

Enclosed find my check, for the great Octofoil, for three more years, plus a little something for the memorial fund.

Apologies to those to whom I owe letters. Don't give up on me - your answers will be forthcoming.

Best to all.

Co. "B" 60th Inf  
JOHN CELLER  
48 Grant Ave.  
Stamford, CT 06902

Its dues time again and I thought I'd take the opportunity to drop a few lines to let everyone know there is still another "B" 60th man around.

Just got through digging out from the Blizzard of '93" and it reminded me of those days when our only refuge was a cold foxhole. Then there were the frozen feet, the cold "C" rations and sleeping on that cold wet ground in the Huertgen Forest.

Speaking of the Huertgen the man who wrote the book "The Battle of the Huertgen Forest" Charles MacDonald, was on a documentary on PBS TV entitled "D" Day to the Rhine. It was about a group of vets who returned to the battlefields and recalled their experiences. Very interesting.

Next time I promise to write sooner, in the meantime you all take care, stay healthy and fight the good fight.

KEN MEYER Div. MP's  
111 Greenbriar St.  
Belton, TX 76513-1503

Going through some old photos and happened across one which brought back memories. This photo was taken back in 1947 and shows a few of the fellows who helped form, and belonged to, the "AKRON - CLEVELAND OHIO" Chapter of our Division Association.

Identifiable are Bob Lynch (left front) and Ken Meyer with briefcase. Anyone still around who can identify the others?

9th Recon  
C.P. BROWNLEY, III  
1416 Berkshire Lane  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

I enjoy reading the Octofoil, but at this point I don't see the names of many men who I remember.

I was a member of the 9th Recon from August 1940 to 1944 and its C.O. from Tunisia to Winchester when I became the Executive Officers, Special Troops and Assistant H.Q. Commandant, a position I held until the break-up came about in October 1945.

60th Inf. 3rd Bn.  
HAROLD W. SMITH  
9515 Bluegrass Pl.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80925

Several times since WWII I have tried to find the answer to an unusual war time experience I had and even put it in the form of a short story that was published in our local newspaper, to no avail. Perhaps someone from the G-4 section of our division may be of help.

As 3rd Bn. 60th Inf. Communications Officer, I went ashore with my platoon at Utah Beach on D+4. We moved inland with no resistance about 12 miles and the second day we stopped overnight in an apple orchard. There were many shallow foxholes and battlefield litter such as bloody socks, leggings, bandages, and open parachutes, which indicated elements of an airborne outfit had been engaged in a sharp firefight. There was a shallow ravine that ran through the orchard, and an open box covered with burlap from which had spilled thousands of sterling silver drivers medals. Such a medal consisted of a maltese cross like a marksman's medal, and bars that could be attached that read "AMBULANCE," "CHAUFFEUR," "ARMORED VEH.," "HALF-TRACK," etc. They were individually wrapped in tissue paper, and the box weighed about 200 lbs. A second box lay in the hole the first box came out of. About three other such holes had been dug with the soil mounded on top, indicating a total of eight boxes, or 1600 lbs. of sterling silver.

It was my guess that the airborne troops had jumped into the area before dawn on D-Day, and daylight had come just a little too early. They had probably called for more ammo or rations, or some first priority material. When ships are loaded for combat, they load on a last on, first off basis. Somehow, somebody made a monumental error and loaded the supply ships or planes in the wrong order. One can only imagine what our airborne troops must have thought when they opened that first box of drivers medals. The commander of the operation probably decided to cache them as a measure of passive security.

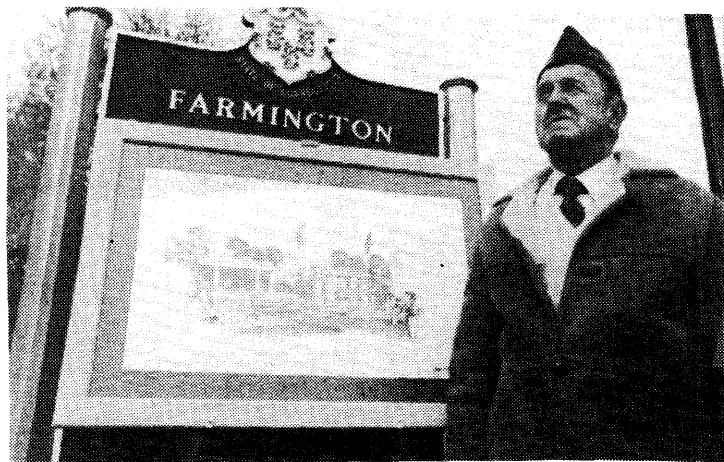
When the 60th regimental wire team laid a line in to 3rd Bn. headquarters, I called the S-4 section and reported our discovery. Whoever I talked to sounded as stunned as I was. The next morning we were off trying to catch up to the war, and found all we could hope for in the hedgerow country. The question that remains is - what happened to all that silver?

39th Inf. Co. D  
BILL CLARK  
5090 London Rd.  
Duluth, Mn. 55804

Would love to hear from anyone who remembers me, Bill Clark. I will be at the Reunion. Hello to: Carl Schnieder, Rocco Benevento, John Francisco, John Hathaway, Bergie of the Motor Pool and Dunkin the Medic, who saved my life.

47th Inf. Special Services  
BOB DUNN  
527 Lakeview Drive  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Re: the item by my former colleague, Duane Olson of 47th Reg. Hq., stating that I used as a headline in the 47th News Bulletin "Pope Poops," it may have been suggested by Olson but it never appeared in my publication.



John Grocki one of the old timers Co. K 60th Inf is shown at the Farmington Town Memorial (Conn.) for Veterans. This is an artist's conception of what the Granite Memorial will look like when it is unveiled on May 30th, for all those killed in Military Service.



# MAIL CALL

Co G 47th Inf  
HERB OLSEN  
167-A-Washington St.  
Norwell, MA 02061

I've enclosed a few photos that were taken in England in the spring of 1944. A couple of the guys in that group photo came from Texas. Time has destroyed my ability to remember the names.

Pollyann and I have not decided yet on the Texas reunion but will as soon as we arrive back from Florida April 1.

I'm still running my office as you can see by the above letterhead. Business is starting to come back after 2 yrs. of this recession. Everyone here is healthy for the time being.

Give our best to Marie.

39th Inf. I Co.  
DON LAVENDER  
2913-49th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50310

Enclosed are my dues for three years.

I am pleased to report that old Co. I, 39th veteran Nick Chipura has located one of our combat Lieutenants - John H. Adams. John lives in Pensacola, FL. and his address is 7574 Sandy Creek Drive.

For years, I have been wearing the 39th Regimental Crest on my hat. It is most attractive and a fine conversation piece. Quite a few people I meet comment on it.

Company I has scheduled its annual mini-reunion in Indiana again in August. Several of us are also planning to be in San Antonio and we look forward to it.

Life is filled with interesting and challenging experiences, but none quite equal that of combat in the Infantry and few associations have more meaning than those with whom we endured that crucial test.

Best wishes.

60th Inf. A & D Co. Hqs.  
JOHN K. MOORE  
1055-301 Blvd. E. At. 505  
Bradenton, FL 34203

I am still carrying on in a quiet and laid-back manner. On this Friday, the 19th, I will reach my latest objective, my 88th birthday. And it is my last objective, from now on I will just take each and every day as it comes, and be thankful for each one.

I have been indulging in a lot of memories of late, and I think that my fondest memories, and the ones of which I am most proud, are those relating to my association with the 9th Inf. Div.

In particular, my share of the proud record of "A" Co. of the 60th Inf. Regt. While I was associated with "A", it never failed to take its objective, always expediently, and always with a minimum of casualties.

I remember two occasions on which "A" was to make an attack with "B" Co. on the left. "A" took off on schedule, reached the objective and dug in, only to learn that "B" had been left at the Line of Departure. They never had even started the attack. "A" had done the job unassisted.

Oh well, enough reminiscing for today. Regards to your good wife, and sincere thanks for the work you have given the Assoc.

Hq. 1st Bn 60th Inf  
CASIMIR PAKISZ  
Box 397  
Slovan, PA 15078

Please find check of \$25.00 to cover the 3 yr. membership. I always look forward to receiving the Octofoil and enjoy reading every word of it. Thank you.

60th Inf. E Co.  
EZRA CLARK  
301 W. College Sr.  
Narrows, VA 24124

Enclosed you will find a check for my dues. Sorry I haven't sent them sooner but I haven't been feeling good for some time. I have arthritis pretty bad. I enjoy reading the Octofoil and reading of some of the Old Buddies. I would like to hear from some of the Old Buddies I was in there with from North Africa through into Belgium where I was captured in September 1944. I spent 191 days at Stalag III C. I am still in contact with some of Old Buddies. Give my love to all of the Old Buddies.

34th F.A. Hqs. Btry.  
JOHN PAPPAS  
603 Berkshire Ave.  
Apt. 3  
Springfield, MA 01109

I took the hint. Enclosed are 3 yrs. dues. Before I forget, we lost a Buddy from the 47th, M Co. His name was Stanley Petlar of Springfield, Mass. He was a quiet sort of guy. Just like at this time to say. "Hi" to my old pals of the 34th.

47th Inf. Co. A  
GLENN SMITH  
47 W. 4th St., Apt. 207  
Williamsport, PA 17701

Enclosed is check for 3 years dues and the balance for the Memorial Fund. I made it to the Reunion at Fort Bragg, but was not too well and finally was in the hospital from 12/22 to 12/31 for graft byopsies to improve the circulation in my left leg — which resulted in a great improvement — so now I am starting to think that I may make it to San Antonio. Best wishes to all and hope to see you at the Oct. Reunion.

709 Ord. L & M Co.  
PAT ZONA  
P.O. Box 566  
E. Sandwich, MA 02537

Enclosed please find my check covering 3 years dues. Even though my outfit was one of the smallest ones (numerically) in the Division, I still enjoy reading what is printed in the Octofoil.

The names I see do not ring any bells except when someone from the 9th QM or 709th Ordinance writes a note.

Keep up the good work. At this time, we all must realize that our ranks are shrinking, but for those of us still around, the memories of our years in the 9th still are vivid.

15th Engrs. A Co.  
FRANCIS BENJAMIN  
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When I got the Army Times yesterday, I found something I had been searching for, for many years. I started out as a Private in the 9th Div. in August of 1940.

As is the case of most soldiers when you leave a unit, you always promise to keep in contact, but rarely do. I did not and have lost track of many good soldiers. For many years I have hopes to regain contact with some of them.

This reunion may make this wish possible.

39th Co G  
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Would like to hear from any 9th. Div. men who were captured in the Huertgon Forest in Sept. or October 44 and who have been in Stalag 3-C near Kuestrin, Poland in the Oder River area, 90 miles East of Berlin.

39th Inf.  
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Just finished reading the last copy of the Octofoil and found out my dues are a little late. I am sending my dues for three years, as I read the octofoil from cover to cover, over and over again to make sure I didn't miss something.

Today is March 15th, two days after the great blizzard of '93. My wife took a yardstick and tried to measure the amount of snow at my front steps.

Believe it or not, the yardstick almost disappeared. Here in Amsterdam, we got a total of 32" of snow. That is the most snow fallen we've ever had here.

I'm going to order the Pawns of War from Art Schmidt, as I enjoy reading about the exploits of the 39th during W.W. II. I have a copy of Eight Stars to Victory that I read over and over again. I don't believe the 9th Div. gets good coverage from magazines, especially the VFW. I'll agree the 1st Div. did a lot during W.W. II, but we also did our share.

Would like to say "hello" to my good friends, Dave Goodman and Vic Daumit, who I hear from, from time to time.

Sure wish I could make the reunion in Texas, but health has a lot to do with what I can do. I am a diabetic who takes 2 shots a day of insulin, so you see I have to carry a lot of needles and insulin everywhere I go.

My best regards to all the men of the 9th Div. You can be proud of your great achievement during W.W. II & Vietnam.

9th Signal  
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Check is for three years membership. You Vets from the East ride AmTrac to San Antonio. See beautiful America from the ground. You will have to pay for two zones. Maybe somewhat like \$250.00.

Meals are not expensive. Maybe one meal a day than for coffee, sandwiches.

Vets wear a Legion V.F.W. or D.A.V. Ask for a wheelchair. A Disabled Vet is the first one loaded on the train. In Washington, D.C. and Chicago, it can be a long walk. I generally had a few bucks for a Red Cap, as I was disabled to a wheelchair. To pay the Red Cap, a few bucks is not necessary. When on the train, wait a few minutes 'till checked in, then you can go to scenic car or club car. I live 40 miles north of Milwaukee. Have to pay \$190.00 to Chicago, then I am on the Western Zone. My whole trip is about \$130.00. Beware when you get the ticket, as the train does not go everyday to San Antonio. Arrive on Thursday, leave on Monday morning. Be sure and ask for a Veteran discount!

60th Inf. Can. Co.  
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My wife & I enjoyed the Association meeting in '92 at Fayetteville, NC, last June. Our health is not very good at this time, so we don't know if we will be able to get to Texas in October '93 but we are thinking about going if possible.

Sure would like to go.

Our family hopes you and your family the very best in '93 and we enjoyed meeting you folks in Fayetteville last year. Would like to hear from men in Cannon Co., 60th Inf.

60th Inf. M Co.  
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I'm sorry I waited so long to renew my membership after it had expired. No excuse. Just lazy, I guess. My checks for three years membership and three decals is enclosed.

I am looking forward to receiving the Octofoil again. Have really missed it.

Our M Co., 60th reunion will be in South Bend, Ind. in June this year. I'm really looking forward to that too.

Hope all is well with you and yours.

On my membership card, put W.C. Hornady, Jr. This is the way it is on my old card and the way all my buddies remember me.

Stay well and hope to hear from you soon.

9th Q.M.  
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Just a few lines while signing up for three more years. The remainder to be put into the Memorial Fund. When I wrote Feb. 20, I remember it was 52 years ago being sworn into the U.S. Army. Had planned to attend Ft. Bragg reunion; Joe Russo and I had bought train tickets & made hotel reservations. However, we both had medical problems that had to be investigated. So, had to cancel our plans. Needless to say, we both were very disappointed. Thank you for the enjoyment I get from reading the Octofoil.

60th Inf. Med. Dept.  
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Being an old member of the 60th Infantry from Jan. 41 to Aug. 1942, but serving as a tailgunner on B-17 in combat I thought I would pass on some information to the 9th.

I just got back from San Antonio, Texas after a four day reunion with my 447th Bomb Grp. 8th Air Force org.

I would recommend this city to anyone as there are many interesting things to see there. We stayed in the Menger Hotel, one of the oldest, overlooking the Alamo with all its history which was something I'd only read about. We visited the Lone Star Brewery including a tour of the Hall of Horns and a wonderful meal with no end of beer. I'm sure the Hall of Horns would interest anyone who sees it.

The River Barges and trip on the river through the city is really too beautiful to describe. You have to go for a ride on and or walk along it to appreciate its beauty, even the Mexican meal on the barge was very good.

We visited the "Tower of the Americas," 750 ft. high with restaurant doing a 360° turn in one hour. We looked the city over from the walk way around the tower.

We visited the Mexican Market area, rode the 10¢ trolley around the city for hours at a cost of forty cents.

Even though I only saw a fraction of the city it was one of the best I've ever visited. Don't miss your chance to go there in the fall, its later than you think.

60th F.A.  
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It is uncertain yet if I will be able to be in San Antonio for the Reunion but my heart will be there, and it would be a happy moment to see some of the fellows from my unit.

I recently moved and request a record be made of my new address.

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This time of year gets me into a baseball frame of mind. It is called the National past-time, but at our age, I'm beginning to believe that shopping has become our past-time. If my wife isn't looking for bargains, she has me looking. It's the power of advertising.

My baseball memory goes back to Ingolstadt when the Ninth Infantry played the Seventy First Division in our first game after the tryouts. The conflict of WW II was over and we were hoping that the point system would move faster. That opening game, our mind was on a big lanky, skinny guy warming up on our opponents sideline. Any guy who knew baseball could see that this splinter threw a very "small" baseball. When the game started, the ball got as small as an aspirin and we felt shell-shocked. This talent that was throwing the bullets at us turned out to be the future super no-hit star of the Cincinnati Reds and New York Yankees named Ewell "The Whip" Blackwell. To say we were over-matched is a gross understatement. Ask Charlie Hoffman (B Co. fan), who had a good view at a very reasonable, safe distance. This was before the advent of batting helmets, but we could have used our steel war helmets. Final score 1-0, in favor of the enemy.

We got one hit, as I recall. Anyone who likes pitching battles would have liked this game, as I believe they, the 71st Division, only had one or two hits off of a guy named Martin. Anyone ever know what happened to him? It was rumored that he had pitched for the Boston Bees, later Boston Braves, later Milwaukee Braves, and now the Atlanta Braves who are favorites in 1993 to become World Series champs. Two other players on the 9th's team were of pro potential. One third-baseman, and a catcher who supposedly played minor ball with Louisville. I don't remember their names and I hope someone who reads this will jump in with more info. on this game. Charlie Hoffman are you listening? If so, with your savvy and great story-telling, pick up my shredded baseball tale and add some spice.

Looking forward to a Mini-Reunion at the end of this month. The Illinois Chapter is having it at Madison, Wisconsin and I hope it's as good as the National Reunions. It'll be my first Mini-Reunion.

Hope all had a happy, healthy Easter. Enclosed is donation in memory of all deceased 15th Engineers.